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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
APRIL 6, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 6, 2007 at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Kenneth Bentley, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Robert Jones, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Supervisor Yvonne Burke arrived after roll was taken. Absent: Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, Reginald Jones Sawyer, and Bobbie Parks.

The following non-voting members were present: Juli Osborne (designee for Sara Amir), Mary Small, and Bill LaPointe. Absent: Sara Amir, Joe Edmiston, and Paul Mount.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (February)

The Chair called for the motion to approve February's meeting minutes. Motion made by Member Greene to approve. Motion seconded and passes.

III. Presentation on Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Planning Matrix – Sandra Hamlat

Ms. Hamlat presented the Master Plan Matrix. Board members commented the matrix was very informative. Member LaPointe (Culver City) updated the board on #23 on the matrix (Culver City Skate Park). Bids received for the skate park are higher than what the city has funds for and he wanted to inquire if the board if the Baldwin Hills Conservancy would entertain getting involved in the project; he could bring a proposal to the next board meeting for discussion. The Chair stated the item could be placed on next month's agenda for presentation by Member LaPointe.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Recommended Prop 40 Capital Improvement Projects for Near Term Implementation – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave an update on the projects with the most impact and priority. Three that fit into this realm are:

- Bridge that leads into Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (landscaping and signage)
- Native plant restoration
- Baldwin Hills Parklands perimeter signage.

Member Arbor made the motion to approve. Motion seconded and passes.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on the Eastern Ridgeline Facilities Expansion Project (BHC04002) – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave an update on Eastern Ridgeline Project. Basically, bids had been expected to go out in last quarter of March, but the deadline has passed and he is now looking at the remaining funds set aside for this contract, which possibly could expire in June. Member Guiney spoke on the current environmental and due diligence issues concerning the project.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Member Jones stated their committee had met. He serves as the Chair of the Legislative Committee for the County Democratic Party and was able to secure their endorsement as a supporter of the AB3 bill that would extend the sunset date for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reported on the following:

- LAO Report
- Presentation made by Mike Bohlke at the Meet and Greet for local residents
- Stocker Street Corridor
- Don Lorenzo and Eastern Ridgeline projects

On a separate note, Supervisor Burke announced they would be happy to answer questions that anyone has about what the planning department is doing regarding the Baldwin Hills community standards district.

VIII. Public Comments

Gloria Ward-Wohler commented on pampas grass; the damage it causes and on controlling the plants. Copies of the literature she has on pampas grass were requested by some of the board members. The Chair asked Ms. Wohler to forward the literature to Mr. McNeill who will give copies to the members requesting it.

IX. Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

X. Board Announcements

The Chair welcomed Mary Small (State Coastal Conservancy designee) to the board.

Member Jones stated while visiting Kenneth Hahn Park, he noticed steel pipes in a northeast area of the park that needs to be addressed by maintenance. Supervisor Burke stated to call their offices whenever problems like that are noticed; staff routinely checking the parking will contact the park supervisor immediately.

Member Zaragoza thanked the Conservancy staff for including a copy of the Hetzler Road/Tompkins Way residents' petition in the board members' package. She asked Member Schafer about the issues raised by the residents and California State Parks' response. Member Greene suggested putting the item on next month's agenda for discussion. The Chair agreed and stated the item would be put on the agenda.

Member Arbor commented on the progress that has been made by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board and the Meet and Greet meeting that was held was very informative.

Member Schafer announced that State Parks will hold the dedication and opening of the Taylor Yard Property on Friday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

Member Burke announced that the opening of the Ladera Little League was quite spectacular and they had at least 400 little leaguers.

The Chair recognized Mayor Gary Silbiger (City of Culver City). Mayor Silbiger stated the City of Culver City is thrilled with all the positive things that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Approved:

Kenneth W. Bentley
Chair